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I am commenting on the draft Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup Plan, and want my comments to become part of the Plan Record.

As a Founding Board Member of North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council, I am very concerned that the draft Plan as issued is an inadequate regulatory response to the severe contamination in our Willamette River. Our Council considers the Willamette within our watersheds of concern, from the mouth of the Clackamas River to the mouth of Johnson Creek, but we are of course interested and concerned about the condition of the River downstream of our immediate area as well. Fishermen, boaters, fish, and birds constantly traverse the span between these reaches of River; and as citizens of the Portland Region we do not want our legacy to be the contribution of toxic sediments on down to the Pacific Ocean for generations to come.

I have attached a photo I took of a banded Bald Eagle consuming fish here in Jennings Lodge. We don't want the food chain contaminated whether it's consumed by birds, or humans, or merely people enjoying swimming and recreation within the River.

Here are problems I find with the draft Plan:

- 1) All dredged sediments should NOT be left in the River, but should be removed to an appropriate terrestrial dump or landfill facility.
- 2) The so-called "monitored natural recovery" is a passive strategy for leaving too much toxic pollutant in the River. This is not a viable solution. Polluted sediments should be removed.
- 3) Those responsible for the pollution should be held to a higher level of accountability, through enough dollar contributions to cover a very substantial cleanup, as identified by the other points here.
- 4) This substantial cleanup should result in elimination of the fish consumption advisory on human health impacts within no more than 15-20 years. That is very reasonable.
- 5) I support what Portland Audubon has recommended, for the removal of at least 1,000 acres of polluted sediments.

Thank you for taking and entering my comments on the Harbor Cleanup Plan. I will be watching for modifications to the draft Plan.

Sincerely,

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